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PROPOSED MEMO TO DCI ON SE-41

1. In view of the profound importance of the subject and the extreme brevity of time available ~~in~~ in which to discuss it, SE-41 received remarkable agreement among the intelligence agencies.

2. State representatives, however, expressed at the outset their doubt concerning the necessity, or even the value, of producing the estimate at this time, in view of the 30 March Chinese Communist overtures on the POW issue. They argued that it is impossible to estimate whether any one or all of the proposed courses of action would cause the Communists to seek an armistice because we do not have any clear view at present of the basic Communist attitude toward an armistice. The Board took the line that US planning could not come to a stand still ~~because of~~ in response to these preliminary and tentative overtures. The Board felt that to take account of the recent developments with the Scope note on page 3 of subject text would provide an adequate basis for making the estimate at this time.

3. The State representatives also took a reservation on paragraph 6, as indicated by the footnote on page 6.

4. The Air Force representatives felt that paragraph 7 could be stated more effectively and offered a substitute paragraph as indicated by the footnote on page 6.